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of the 1996 Telecom Act. While we will attempt to flag all Telecom
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NEWS RELEASES

**COMMISSIONER RACHELLE B. CHONG APPOINTED TO JOINT BOARD ON
UNIVERSAL

SERVICE; FIRST MEETING TO BE HELD APRIL 12 -- CC DOCKET NO. 96-45 --
(REPORT NO. 96-11, COMMON CARRIER ACTION. The Commission has appointed
Commissioner Rachelle B. Chong to serve on the Federal-State Joint Board
required to implement the Telecommunications Act of 1996.. Report No:
96-11. Dkt No.: CC- 96-45. News Media Contact: Mindy Ginsburg (202)
418-1500. CCB.

**COMMISSION GRANTS SECOND AND THIRD TELECOM ACT APPLICATIONS FOR
UTILITY

COMPANIES TO ENTER TELECOMMUNICATIONS -- (REPORT NO. GN 96-6, GENERAL
ACTION). The Commission today announced that it has granted two new
applications to allow a public utility holding company to enter
telecommunications markets, just a week after granting the first such
application under the Act.

Action by the Commission april 9, 1996, by
Orders (FCC 96-162; 96-163).. Report No: GN 96-6. (FCC No. 96-162;
96-163) News Media Contact: Audrey Spivack (202) 418-0654. OGC
Contact: James W. Olson or Lawrence Spiwack @ 202-418-1870.

**FCC REMOVES RADIOTELEGRAPH REQUIREMENT FOR GLOBAL MARITIME
DISTRESS AND

SAFETY SYSTEM EQUIPPED VESSELS-- (REPORT NO. WT 96-8, WIRELESS TELECOM
ACTION). The Commission has eliminated the requirement that Global
Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) equipped vessels also carry a
manual Morse code radiotelegraph.

Action by the Commission April 5, 1996,
by Order (FCC 96-156). Report No: WT 96-8. (FCC No. 96-156) WTB.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Report No: CL 96-42. Released: April 12, 1996. REPORT NO. CL-96-42 --
WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU COMMERCIAL RADIO SERVICE
INFORMATION.

SPEECHES

OPENING REMARKS BY CHAIRMAN REED HUNDT AT THE FEDERAL-STATE JOINT
BOARD
MEETING ON UNIVERSAL SERVICE, WASHINGTON, DC, APRIL 12, 1996.

REMARKS BY COMMISSIONER RACHELLE CHONG AT THE FEDERAL-STATE JOINT
BOARD
MEETING ON UNIVERSAL SERVICE, WASHINGTON, DC, APRIL 12, 1996.

TEXTS

ACCENT COMMUNICATIONS, IC., ET. AL. Granted subject to conditions the
Joint Petition filed by accent Communications, Incc., et. al., concerning
the definition of "Study Area" in the Commission's rules. (By MO&O [DA
96-570, AAD 95-124] adopted April 11, 1996, by the Chief, Accounting and
Audits Division, CCB). by MO&O. (DA No. 96-570). CCB

BELL ATLANTIC TELEPHONE COS. Dismissed with prejudice the complaint of
Bell Atlantic v. Eastern telelogic Corp., et. al.; terminated the
proceeding. (By Order [DA 96-520] adopted March 20, 1996, by the Chief,
Enforcement Divison, CCB). by Order. (DA No. 96-520). CCB

NEPSK, INC. Granted petition filed by NEPSK, Inc., licensee of Station
WAGM-TV, Presque Isle, Maine, seeking a temporary waiver of 76.501(A) of
the Commission's Rules (not to exceed eighteen months) so that sttion can
consummate acquisition of five commly-owned and operated cable television
systems. (By MO&O [DA 96-560] adopted april 5, 1996 by the Chief, CSB).
by MO&O. (DA No. 96-560). CSB

KENTWOOD, MI. Granted the petition for reconsideration filed by J. Rob
McClure with regard to Station WMAX(AM), Kentwood, Michigan, and rescinded
the forfeiture for \$7,500. (By MO&O [FCC 96-121] adopted March 20, 1996,
by the Commission). by MO&O. (FCC No. 96-121). MMB

WASHINGTON, DC. Ordered Detroit News Inc., licensee of Station WUSA(TV),
Washington, DC , to complete its public inspection file. (BY MO&O [DA
96-527] adopted April 3, 1996, by the Chief, MMB). by MO&O. (DA No.
96-527). MMB

BAKERSFIELD, CA. Granted the application for renewal of license of Station KGET(TV), Bakersfield, California; denied the petition to deny filed by the NAACP; dismissed the petition to deny filed by LULAC. (BY MO&O [FCC 96-146] adopted April 1, 1996, by the Commission). by MO&O. (FCC No. 96-146). MMB

OMAHA, NE. Granted the application of The Knowledge Network of Greater Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska, for a construction permit and license in the ITFS on Channels A1-A4; denied the petition to deny and application of the North American Catholic Educational Programming Foundation. (By MO&O [DA 96-496] adopted April 3, 1996, by the Chief, video Services Division, MMB). by MO&O. (DA No. 96-496). MMB

WESTERVILLE, OH. Dismissed the letter filed February 28, 1996, by Stations WPAY/WPFB, Inc. with regard to applications for a construction permit for a new FM station on Channel 280A, Westerville, Ohio. (By Order [FCC 96R-08] adopted April 2, 1996, by the Review Board). by Order. (FCC No. 96R-08). MMB

MINNEAPOLIS, MN. Granted the application of Minnesota Public Radio, licensee of Station WMNN(AM), Minneapolis, Minnesota, for extension of construction permit; denied the objection of Tanja L. kozicky, Esq. (By Letter [DA 96-528] adopted March 22, 1996, by the acting Chief, Audio Services Division, MMB). by Order. (DA No. 96-528). MMB

BEAUMONT, TX. Ordered Covenant Media Services, Inc., licensee of Station KJUS(AM), Beaumont, Texas, to forfeit \$1,000 for unauthorized assumption of control of Station KJUS(AM). (By MO&O [DA 96-526] adopted April 3, 1996, by the Chief, MMB). by MO&O. (DA No. 96-526). MMB

ARITON. ELBA, AND DOTHAN, AL. Granted the application of Troy state University at Dothan Alabama, for a construction permit and license in the ITFS on Channels C1-C4; denied the applications of Dale County Board of Education and Elba City Schools in Arition, Alabama, and Alba, Alabama, respectively. (By MO&O [DA 96-498] adopted April 3, 1996, by the Chief, Video Services Division, MMB). by MO&O. (DA No. 96-498). MMB

RADIO ASTRONOLY COORDINATION ZONE IN PUERTO RICO. Granted an extension of time to file reply comments from April 16 to April 30. (ET Docket No. 96-2 by Order Extending Time [DA 96-555] adopted April 9, 1996, by the Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology). by Order. (DA No. 96-555). OET

**ENTERGY TECHNOLOGY CO. AND ENTERGY TECHNOLOGY HOLDING CO. See the second item under News Release in today's digest. by Order. (FCC No. fc-c96-162). OMD

****MARITIME AND AVIATION SERVICES.** Proposed revising the rules for maritime and aviation services to remove individual radio licensing requirements. (WT Docket No. 96-82 by NPRM [FCC 96-145] adopted April 1, 1996, by the Commission). Dkt No.: WT- 96-82. by NPRM. (FCC No. 96-145). WTB

****GLOBAL MARITIME DISTRESS AND SAFETY SYSTEM EQUIPPED VESSELS.** See the third item under News Releases in today's digest. by Order. (FCC No. 96-156). WTB

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